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Elba native killed while serving his country in Iraq

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The entire community of Elba found itself mourning the loss of a native son this week following an announcement from the Department of Defense that Sergeant Jason David Jordan died Sunday, July 20, in Iraq.

Jordan, age 24, was patrolling a village in Tallifur, Iraq when his vehicle was ambushed by rocket propelled grenades.

A lifelong resident of Elba, Jordan was a 1997 graduate of Elba High School and joined the Army in August 1998. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (air assault), and had been stationed in Fort Campbell, Ky. since July 2002 before being deployed to Iraq several months ago.

"We are very proud of what Jason was able to accomplish in his life and that he was helping to bring freedom and democracy to the people of Iraq," Jason's brother Chris said in a statement on behalf of his parents Danny and Sandra Jordan. "We would

like to express our appreciation for everyone's prayers and support in our loss."

Jordan became the tenth Alabamian to die in the war in Iraq, and this group of individuals grew up together and spent a great deal of time with one another during their 13 years in the Elba School System, and several expressed their gratitude earlier this week for being allowed to be Jordan's classmate and more importantly, his friend.

As word of his death spread Sunday evening, Monday morning, those who were familiar with Jordan expressed appreciation for the dedication he provided his country through his service in the military. He was described by friends as a Christian man coming from a very good family possessing good values. Others described the young man as an exceptional leader whom they felt would

have continued to excel in his military career.

Among those dealing with the loss of Jordan are his classmates from the Class of 1997 at Elba High School. This group of individuals



Sgt. Jason David Jordan

In honor and remembrance of Jordan and the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country, Elba Mayor James Grimes announced Monday afternoon that flags were to begin flying at half mast and would continue to do so until after Jordan's funeral.

Also, Grimes announced the day of Jordan's funeral to be a "day of mourning" in the City of Elba.

According to his dad, Sgt. Jordan "died doing what he believed in."

At this time, it is expected to be more than a week before Sgt. Jordan's body will return home from Iraq; therefore, funeral arrangements have not been announced. However, the family said he will be buried in Elba.

"We also offer our condolences to the family and friends of Sgt. Justin W. Garvey of Townsend, Mass., who died with Jason in the same attack," Chris Jordan said in his statement on behalf of the Jordan family.

Garvey, age 23, was patrolling alongside Jordan at the time of the attack. He had served in the Army since 1997 and had been at Fort Campbell since July 2000.

A third soldier was injured in the attack, but his injuries were not believed to be life threatening.

"Our prayer is that no one else has to lose a son or daughter in this war," the Jordan family said.



In honor and remembrance of Sgt. Jason D. Jordan, flags are being flown in Elba at half mast until after his funeral. Mayor James Grimes also said the day of his funeral will be recognized as a "Day of Mourning" in Elba. The exact date of Sgt. Jordan's funeral service has yet to be determined. He was killed Sunday, July 20, in Tallifur, Iraq after the vehicle he was traveling in was ambushed.

Elba Fire Department trying to help MDA with "Fill the Boot" campaign

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Elba Fire Department plan to hit the streets Saturday morning, July 26, in an effort to help

which benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Elba Fire Chief Larry Goodson said the funds raised will help

Jerry's Kids. "We are those less fortunate as they conduct the annual 'Fill the Boot' campaign."

Saturday's drive will be the third year the Elba Fire Department has participated in the "Fill the Boot" campaign

During the first two years the Elba Fire Department participated in this campaign, the community certainly supported the volunteer firefighters by helping them raise just over \$3,600.

Goodson remembers the department set its goal at \$500 the first year and delivered a check totaling \$1,613.08 during the MDA telethon held Labor Day weekend. Then, the department topped that number by raising \$2,000 in 2002.

"With all the disasters the people here (Elba) have had, they are still willing to give," Goodson said. "That says a lot about the citizens."

"Fill the Boot" fund drives are held by fire departments throughout the nation each year, and Goodson said MDA officials have indicated the fire-fighting association generally raises more money for Jerry's Kids than any other organization in the country.

On Saturday, members of the Elba Fire Department will be located at numerous intersections across town between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 Noon. Everyone is encouraged to fill those boots and help the department help Jerry's Kids.

"The money raised by the Elba Fire Department will stay in the local area and be used to assist those with muscular dystrophy," Goodson said. "It will be local people helping local people."

Following Saturday's fund drive, members of the Elba Fire Department will present their contributions in Montgomery during the MDA telethon which is held during the Labor Day weekend.

REMINDER

The "Celebrate Elba 150" concert featuring legendary country music artist George Jones will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, at Miller Memorial Stadium. For ticket information, call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125.

Superintendent says finances in good shape for Elba City Schools

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Board of Education met July 10th to review both the statewide and local financial picture in education, pay bills, rehire existing teachers for the upcoming school year and start the process of advertising for additional personnel to replace retirees and resignations.

Under the leadership of Chairperson Valerie McGuire, the board heard Superintendent Danny Weeks present an optimistic front on local school finances for the coming year.

Weeks explained cost cutting efforts of the past year and continuing "above and beyond the call of duty" efforts by the entire staff that have resulted in turning the finances of the Elba School System from a negative cash balance and borrowing money for operating to a position of having cash on hand after all the bills are paid. This enviable financial position is enough to ensure the Elba schools will operate next year, even if there are no new taxes and a limited proration declared.

Weeks said. He also explained to board members how, due to additional federal funds, the schools could afford to hire additional staffers to aid in the drive to bring all students up to the desired levels of learning.

The Superintendent did how-

ever note that if the shortage of state funds lasts more than one more year, even the Elba School System will be in real trouble, having already cut all that can be cut without eliminating important programs and classroom teachers.

The Capital Projects account has a balance of \$215,624 with only a \$114,000 amount committed to needed projects.

Weeks told board members there would be some needs for this equipment breakdowns throughout the year, but he is hoping to keep most in reserve in case of a continuing state funds shortage and the state then allows some flexibility on spending usage from this account.

The board followed the recommendations of the Superintendent and voted to rehire all tenured personnel not retiring or resigning. They also voted to rehire all non-tenured personnel not retiring or resigning. The one resigning non-

tenured staffer was elementary school librarian Donna Seay, who had accepted a position in Enterprise.

The board named assistant principal Johnny Dunn to the position of principal of Elba High School. Lynn Baker was hired as Elba Elementary School Counselor and Charlie Jordan was employed as a bus driver.

The board followed the Superintendent's recommendations and reassigned Lakesha Brackins to the central office. She had previously worked at the elementary school.

Resignations included high school office aide Leona Siler and high school assistant coach Bill Rayborn, who will now work exclusively in the classroom at the elementary school.

Mona Wise was granted a five-month leave of absence.

The school approved the advertising for vacancies as assistant high school principal (with certification in special education); gifted teacher, K-6 certified classroom teacher and K-3 reading teacher, all three for the elementary school. Also being hired are new office aides,



Valerie McGuire

Elba DARE officer receives honor

When students of the Elba City School System return to the classroom Tuesday, Aug. 5, one new face on campus will be D.A.R.E. Officer Michael Adkinson.

Officer Adkinson, a six year veteran in law enforcement, has spent a great deal of time this summer preparing for his new position with the Elba Police Department, and recently received an honor during his training.

While attending a D.A.R.E. training seminar in Huntsville earlier this month, Adkinson received the Beth Lader Role Model Award.

Beth Lader served as a high school role model within the Huntsville school system for three years. After being killed in a car accident, the D.A.R.E. role model award



Officer Michael Adkinson

was named in her honor.

Adkinson is now certified in the D.A.R.E. curriculum to teach in the schools, including the new middle school training being implemented this year.

Area Happenings

THE ANNUAL ELBA-TROY STATE UNIVERSITY BOLE TROPHIC for scholarships will be Saturday, July 26, 8:30 a.m., at the Elba County Club.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, July 28, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brooklyn.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL 7TH GRADE ORIENTATION will be Thursday, July 31, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules and tickets and establish meal accounts. They will also have a tour of the school.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL announced the deadline to place an ad in the 2003 Football program will be Tuesday, Aug. 5. Those interested should contact Susan Ramsey at Elba High School (897-2266).

NON-RESIDENT STUDY CLUB will sponsor Elba's Annual Banquet held on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Elba Recreation Center. During the ball, a "Man of the Year" and "Woman of the Year" will be honored. The club is currently seeking nominations based on a strict set of guidelines. For those honors, an application for nomination due no later than Friday, Aug. 15, can be found inside the bottom of the paper. Also, tickets to the event are currently on sale and can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce or Denise's Hair and Nail Salon.

MOTORISTS ENCOURAGED TO WEAR SEAT BELTS. Traffic was slowed in the Curtis community at the intersection of Alabama Hwy. 141 and U.S. Highway 84 Monday afternoon, July 21, after a passenger of a small pickup truck fell out of the vehicle. The driver of the truck was apparently attempting to make a turn at the intersection when the right side door of the vehicle came open and the passenger fell out onto the roadway. Officers with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene along with a unit from Coffee County EMS. The injured individual received medical attention and was taken to the hospital but did not appear to have any serious injuries. Not only is wearing seat belts the law in the State of Alabama, but officers said this unfortunate incident may have been avoided if the victim had been wearing his seat belt.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Danny and Sandra Jordan have given more to the fighting in Iraq than any family should ever have to sacrifice... their youngest son. The shocking news came Sunday that Jason David Jordan had died from hostile fire in a small Iraqi town few of us had ever heard about and with a name even fewer can correctly pronounce. As both his parents said late Monday afternoon, "He died doing what he believed in". No stronger convictions or love for family and country can ever be expressed or will ever be exhibited. The deaths in this hostile Middle East environment are coming in small numbers, compared to those of WWII, but to the families with the losses, it couldn't get any more devastating.

Those who knew this young man best are continually expressing their disbelief over his untimely death. We repeatedly hear, "but he was just a young man", or "he had his whole life ahead of him", or... well those who didn't know Sgt. Jason D. Jordan as a crack airborne soldier, or as a happy-go-lucky Elba teenager, need to simply listen to the people who had that privilege to fully realize that this world lost one of it's finest young men to a rocket launched grenade in Iraq on Sunday July 20th, 2003.

Those of us who have not faced the loss the entire Jordan family was hit with this week can probably not even begin to understand the torment and hurt they are feeling today, tomorrow and forever. However, we can help them temper that pain a bit with our heartfelt gratitude to their son for his huge part in making this world a better place to live. He follows in the footsteps of countless others who didn't live to enjoy, nor even see, the success of their supreme efforts. On behalf of all the world, our very best Army SALUTE to the memory of Sgt Jason D. Jordan.

MSgt Rick Maddux called from Texas Monday night to put his newspaper subscription on hold. Rick had just gotten his orders for the war zone. He asked that his former classmates and other Elba friends remember him in their prayers. It is amazing how fast bad news flies, but Rick had already heard about Jason Jordan's untimely death. We didn't mention it to Rick Maddux, but we also have had on hold since February of this year a subscription for Sgt. Jason Jordan.

Sunday morning we are slated to listen to Governor Bob Riley as he continues to sell his tax package to all Alabamians. This is at a convention of newspaper folks and of course it is at Gulf Shores. Where else could any group get summertime convention attendance??? An organized group opposing the tax increases heard of the plans for Riley to speak Sunday morning and called the press association offices demanding equal time. As part of an ongoing effort to prove that Alabama newspapers listen to both sides before deciding an issue, the agenda was shuffled and opponents will get equal time.

Today we can't honestly tell you what our ultimate position will be in September on this tax increase issue. We could shoot it down from forty different directions but then what is our better solution? Oops, that is a problem, because we don't have a clear cut better solution. However, a recent letter-to-the-editor we read could sway us to blindly voting yes simply to protest its far out anti reasoning. This writer signed his name to a letter accusing the administration in Montgomery of raising this big pile of money just to give it to favored religious organizations! Where that idea came from no one will probably ever know. Right now it would be easy to argue either side of this tax increase issue with anyone, anytime. Yet we would simply scoff at someone who accused the tax increase proposal of being a ploy to raise money for some unnamed church and/or religious organization. Get real folks... Let's debate this issue on its real merits and demerits and stop the insane habit of fighting changes in government policies and/or actions with religious scare tactics and outright untruths. It cheapens the idea of having religious convictions. We expect more respect for the Christian religious beliefs referred to in these unfounded claims and think our God does also! Such antics are probably employed because someone can't think of real reasons to oppose an issue. Surely it is not because they don't have trust in the voters of Alabama to understand anything else! Or is it? We welcome your comments, ideas and opinions.

Remember Jason Jordan gave his life this week ensuring the survival of our freedoms to openly discuss and decide issues exactly like this Alabama tax increase matter and to show others throughout the world that freedom works and works best.

Continue to Pray for Our Troops!



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Elba High School recognizes student honors from 2002-03 year

Seventy percent of Elba High School's 2003 graduating seniors (36 of the 51 eligible), received scholarship monies/offers totaling over \$400,000.

There were 21 honor graduates with a 92 GPA or higher. The top five students in the class - Bart Barnes, Carla Roberts, Heather Hays, Deann Smith, and Samantha Williams - all had GPAs over 100.

Bart Barnes was named valedictorian, and Carla Roberts salutatorian.*

(*Cut-off period for valedictorian is end of the first semester.)

The following scholarships were awarded:

ESJC - Samantha Williams, Kimberly Farris and Devin Kilecase

LBW - Bart Barnes, Carla Roberts, Samantha Williams,

Blake Lambert, Shawna Hill, and Laguna Mack

MACARTHUR STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - Candace Anderson, Adam Brunson, Mandrell Carpenter, Stacy Chism, Alan Cooper, Cherrell Edwards, Dougie Pierson, and Matthew Williams

TROY STATE UNIVERSITY - Bart Barnes, Carla Roberts, Sheena Flowers, Kimberly Farris, Katrina Farris, and Heather Hays

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA - Jason Curran

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA - Bart Barnes, Brandon Petty, and Kristy Ward

CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Bart Barnes

UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - Brandon

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 14, 2003, investigated the following incidents, one obstructing governmental operations, three for disorderly conduct, one resisting arrest, one incident with livestock, one driving under the influence, two for harassing communications, one burglary, one criminal mischief, one vehicle ran off the roadway, two for theft of property, one rape, one possession of a controlled substance, two for violation of probation, one minor in possession and consumption, one public intoxication.

The following arrests were made: one giving a false name to law enforcement officers, one possession of a controlled substance, one violation of probation, one minor in possession.

MONDAY, JULY 14 - River stage - 9.77 feet (6:18 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 134 W and County Road 461 (2:33 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 15 - Alarm activated at 1560 Reese Ave. (8:35 p.m.). Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 - River stage - 10.62 feet (6:27 a.m.); Burglary reported at the animal shelter (8:03 a.m.). Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JULY 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Beaver Dam Apt. B-5 (1:26 a.m.); River stage - 8.73 feet (6:05 a.m.); Minor two-vehicle wreck reported in the Haywood Drug Store parking lot (10:35 a.m.); Report of shots fired at Burch's Trailer Court (8:10 p.m.); Prowl reported at 14232 Hwy 87 S (11:20 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 18 - River stage - 7.94 feet (6:23 a.m.); Wreck reported on Herman Driggers Dr. (7:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Herman Driggers Dr. (7:06 a.m.); Breaking and entering reported at a residence on Hwy. 166 (8:11 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 19 - River stage - 7.78 feet (6:15 a.m.); Alarm activated at 266 Plant Ave. (12:31 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Simmons St. (6:16 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Simmons St. (6:19 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire at the intersection of Smith Ave. and the 203 Bypass (8:16 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 20 - River stage - 8.98 feet (6:21 a.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Cedar Lane Dr. (10:41 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1883 Hickman Ave. (4:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Fred's Dollar Store (6:22 p.m.).

Behrens, Justin Hall, and Rick Smith

FAULKNER COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Justin Allen

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO - Sheena Flowers

MILLSAPS COLLEGE - Bart Barnes

HUNTINGDON COLLEGE - Bart Barnes

SAM WALTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Kristy Williams

COFFEE COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE UNIV. OF ALABAMA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP - Jason Curran

TROY STATE UNIV. ALUMNI - Elba Chapter Scholarship - Heather Hays and Justin Allen

COFFEE COUNTY CHAPTER OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP - Deann Smith

WIREGRASS CHAPTER - Stacey Mitchell, Kevin Kelley, Casey Medlock, Elizabeth Weeks, Timothy Jackson, Rae Walker, Blake Brunson, Lance Cross, Kaci Grantham, Christy Eubanks, Whitney Bailey, Sydney Brunson, Emily Driggers, Melanie Mullaz, James Hays

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THE ADAM WADDAILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Devin Kilecase

THE JAMES GIBBS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - Jason Curran, Kyle English, Devin Kilecase, Blake Lambert, Brandon Petty, Rick Smith, and Samantha Williams

COCA COLA "SHARE THE DREAM" ESSAY CONTEST FINALIST - Sheena Flowers

SOUTHRUST BANK SCHOLARSHIP - Heather Hays

Senior Beta Club members receiving stoles - Justin Allen, Candace Anderson, Bart Barnes, Jason Curran, Kyle English, Katrina Farris, Kimberly Farris, Sheena Flowers, Heather Hays, Blake Lambert, Richard Myers, Courtney Pelham, Brandon Petty, Stephen Pope, Carla Roberts, Melissa Sanders, Deann Smith, Rick Smith, Kristy Ward, and Samantha Williams

Senior Honor Students - Bart Barnes, Carla Roberts, Heather Hays, Deann Smith, Samantha Williams, Sheena Flowers, Courtney Pelham, Brandon Petty, Kristy Ward, Kimberly Farris, Richard Myers, Blake Lambert, Devin Kilecase, Stephen Pope, Shawna Hill, Laguna Mack, Justin Allen, Rick Smith, Kyle English, Jason Curran, and Freddy Mallory

Senior Class President - Heather Hays

2003-04 Student Council Officers - President - Anna Anderson; Vice President - Patrick Tyson; Secretary/Treasurer - Kristin Barnes; Reporter/Historian - Kendall Stinson

2003 International Library of Poetry Honors - Jessica Hathcock

Farm-City Outstanding Youth Awards for Coffee County - Heather Hays, Brandon Petty, and Deann Smith

2003 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award - Mallory

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Dear Editor,

Recently we have experienced a rash of incidents of unauthorized use of mailboxes in this area. No part of a mail receptacle may be used to deliver or any matter not bearing postage, including items or matter placed upon, supported by, attached to, hung from, or inserted into a mail receptacle. Any mailable matter not bearing postage and found as described above is subject to the same postage as would be paid if it were carried by mail. However, those who knowingly and willfully deposit any mailable matter on which no postage is paid in a mailbox, with the intent to avoid payment of lawful postage thereon, are subject to a fine of not more than \$300 for each offense (Title 18, United States Code 1725).

Letter carriers are instructed to collect a representative number of the offending matter from their routes and bring it to my attention. If there is reason to

Recall announced on high-leg recliner chairs

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recall in voluntary cooperation with the firm below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of product: High-Leg Recliner Chairs, Units: 620,000. Manufacturer: Lane Furniture Industries Inc., of Tupelo, Miss. Hazard: A mechanism in the footrest can create a pinch point that can cause injury if consumers open or recline the chair by reaching underneath the footrest. Incidents/Injuries: Lane has received 18 reports of incidents involving the recliner chairs, including lacerations, cut fingernails and three reports of broken bones. Description: The recall includes three-position, high-leg recliner chairs that have a five-digit style number beginning with 026 or 027 and a shipping date prior to May 2002. The style number and shipping date can be found on a small label located either underneath the footrest or under the chair itself. High-leg recliner chairs measure 7 inches to 9 inches from the floor. Sold at: Furniture stores nationwide from December 1989 through April 2002 for between \$500 and \$1,200.

Manufactured in: U.S.A. Remedy: Contact Lane Furniture Industries to receive a repair kit. Consumer Contact: Lane Furniture Industries at (800) 467-9555 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site: www.lanefurniture.com

Shelby announces projects for Alabama

U.S. Senator Richard Shelby today announced the approval of several funding requests for Alabama:

Alabama National Forest, \$1 million - This funding will assist in purchase of land from willing sellers only, within the boundaries of Alabama's National Forests. The National Forests in Alabama represent the largest area of publicly owned land in Alabama, covering approximately 665,661 acres.

Shelby said, "This year's funding will aid in the continued protection and preservation of our wildlife and natural resources in this area."

Pinhoti Trail Construction, \$1 million - The funding is for the purchase of the last piece of land in Alabama and Georgia that will allow completion of the Pinhoti Trail.

Shelby said, "Our ultimate goal is to link the Pinhoti Trail to the Florida Trail at the Florida-Alabama state line in the Conecuh

Estimating current use land value

by Stan Windham
County Extension Agent

Before considering any change in land use, you need to know how much your land is worth in current use or in potential uses, such as development. You can find this out using comparable sales in your local market, or you can estimate it yourself. If your land has been used for crops and pasture and does not have real estate development potential, you can estimate your per-acre land value by dividing the per-acre net income (profit) from crops and pasture by your alternative annual interest rate as follows:

Current use land value (\$/acre) = annual net income (\$/acre) divided by alternative annual interest rate

Annual net income equals total revenues minus total costs, including the costs of labor, machinery, seeds, fertilization, and other capital and materials. If you work for yourself, be sure to include your salary in the costs because you could use your labor and earn income doing something else. Because net income fluctuates over time, you need to use your average of the last few years in your estimation. If you rent your land, you can also use cash rent or crop-share rent as an alternative estimate of your annual net income.

The alternative annual interest rate is the annual rate of return that you as an investor seek on your investments. You could sell your land, settle up with the Internal Revenue Service, and make investments in CDs, government securities, stocks and bonds, and/or mutual funds. Generally speaking, a high rate of return is associated with high risk. For example, stock markets, measured as the S&P 500 Index, produced an average annual rate of return of 10.4 percent from 1960 through 1994. However, the rate of return were negative in 8 of the 25 years. Investing in long-term government bonds in the same period would have given you an

average annual rate of return of 5.6 percent per year with less loss. After inflation of 3 percent, these returns (real returns, so-called) amount to 7.4 and 2.6 percent, respectively.

As an example a farmer has an average annual net income in operating a farm or ranch of \$50 per acre for the last 5 years, and his alternative rate of return is 5 percent. Since the average annual inflation rate is about 3 percent, the real interest rate is about 2 percent. Under normal circumstances (or assuming that history will repeat itself), his land is theoretically worth about \$2,500 per acre (\$500.02) to him based on current use and income. There are many ways to estimate land value. Another and very important way is to determine actual land value is from local markets. This will tell you what the land is worth and what the demand for your land would be.

Knowing your land value is important in making decisions whether you are wanting to sell the land or not. Land value can

be carried by mail. However, those who knowingly and willfully deposit any mailable matter on which no postage is paid in a mailbox, with the intent to avoid payment of lawful postage thereon, are subject to a fine of not more than \$300 for each offense (Title 18, United States Code 1725).

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recall in voluntary cooperation with the firm below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of product: High-Leg Recliner Chairs, Units: 620,000. Manufacturer: Lane Furniture Industries Inc., of Tupelo, Miss. Hazard: A mechanism in the footrest can create a pinch point that can cause injury if consumers open or recline the chair by reaching underneath the footrest. Incidents/Injuries: Lane has received 18 reports of incidents involving the recliner chairs, including lacerations, cut fingernails and three reports of broken bones. Description: The recall includes three-position, high-leg recliner chairs that have a five-digit style number beginning with 026 or 027 and a shipping date prior to May 2002. The style number and shipping date can be found on a small label located either underneath the footrest or under the chair itself. High-leg recliner chairs measure 7 inches to 9 inches from the floor. Sold at: Furniture stores nationwide from December 1989 through April 2002 for between \$500 and \$1,200.

Manufactured in: U.S.A. Remedy: Contact Lane Furniture Industries to receive a repair kit. Consumer Contact: Lane Furniture Industries at (800) 467-9555 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site: www.lanefurniture.com

believe that a private delivery firm or an individual within the local delivery area is responsible, we notify the party of the postage due. Furthermore, legal action is initiated accordingly against those who knowingly aid and willfully distribute matter in such a manner.

I would appreciate your assistance in informing area residents and organizations that are using mailboxes to distribute flyers, cards, etc. without paying postage is illegal.

Sincerely,
Marla Brewer-Gulley
Postmaster/OIC
Elba, AL

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"Celebrate... Elba 150"

Upcoming Events

August 23
George Jones Concert

September 6
"Sequicentennial" Ball

September 25
King/Queen Crowned

October 9
Chamber Banquet "150"

October 10
"The History of Elba" Play

October 10
Prayer Breakfast / "150"

October 11
T-shirt Day / Merchant Appreciation Day

October 12
Grand Celebration Reception

For additional information, call the Elba Chamber of Commerce 897-3125

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Obituaries

GLORIA MOUNT TYLER

Mrs. Gloria Mount Tyler, age 49, of Elba, AL, died July 15, 2003 at Baptist Hospital in Montgomery, AL.

Mrs. Tyler was an employee of the Coffee County Probate Office for nine years.

Funeral services were held July 18, 2003 at Elba Church of God with interment following at Old Union Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in the Weedville Community. Rev. Ron Stallard and Rev. David Mount officiated. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed.

Mrs. Tyler was preceded in death by her father, Herbert Hoyer Mount.

Survivors include her husband, Tommy Vance Tyler, Elba; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Toby Vance and Heather Tretchick Tyler, Atlanta, GA; Zachary Trent Tyler, Elba; her mother, Eula Bell Mount, Brantley, AL; her grandmother, Elizabeth Watson, Brantley; two brothers, James Lewis Mount, Onycha, AL; Johnny Ray Mount, Brantley; and two sisters, Maggie Mount Hendricks, Brantley; Kathy Mount Petrey, Laverne, AL.

QUENDELL KA'VAUGHN HENDERSON

Quendell Ka'Vaughn Henderson, age 5, died July 9, 2003.

Funeral services were held July 15, 2003 at First African Baptist Church in Florida, AL, with Rev. Paul Lee officiating. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother, Felycia and step-father, Cedric Reese; his father, Chreddie Henderson; five brothers: Cedric Jr., Rico, Ernest, Anthony, and Zachaeus Reese; his grandparents, Connie Buckley and Grady Hobbs, Hural Buckley (Mary Ann) Franklin Flowers; and several other relatives and friends.

VIRGIL B. DAY

Mr. Virgil B. Day, former vice president of General Electric and the founding partner of the New York office of Chicago-based Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kaninholz, died peacefully at his home of 45 years in Chappaqua, N.Y., on July 11, 2003.

He was born in Montgomery, AL on October 18, 1915, son of Virgil B. Sr. and the former Florence Fairfield. Day graduated with honors from Northwestern University in 1936, and from Northwestern University Law School in 1939. While in Law School, he was an editor of the Northwestern Law Review and elected to membership in the Order of the Coif. Day was admitted to the New York State bar in 1940 and practiced law in New York City until he was hired to serve as Legal Counsel in the newly formed

Employee Relations Division at General Electric in 1947.

In 1971 Day was appointed to the National Pay Board by President Nixon, where he served as advisor to the industry members.

He retired from General Electric in December, 1973, and returned to private law practice in New York.

He is survived by his wife, the former Eugenia Claire Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brunson of Elba, AL, whom he married in 1947; two sons: John Baldwin Day and Peter Fairfield Day, and four grandchildren.

Donations may be made in his name to The Melrose School, 120 Federal Hill Road, Brewster, NY 10509 or Spring Lake Ranch at P.O. Box 310, Cuttingsville, VT 05738.

DOROTHY RUTH NEWSOME

Ms. Dorothy Ruth (Tooley) Newsome died July 7, 2003, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham. She was born in Elba on Feb. 21, 1954 to Mrs. Lessie (George) Musgrove and Willie B. Turner (Mary).

Funeral services were held July 12, 2003, at Nazareth Baptist Church; Cpp, with Rev. William R. Hines officiating. Burial followed in Hardin Street Cemetery, with Hammonds Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three children: Yolanda "Pam" Musgrove, William Ramon (Monica) Hines, Wendy P. Hines; grandmother: Mildred Anderson; seven grandchildren: seven sisters: Brenda (Joe) Smith, Opp; Arica (Skip) Upshaw, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Cynthia (Paul) Terry, Virginia Sherry, Terry, Wilkes, and Lavel Turner, all of Maryland; 12 brothers: Craig Musgrove and Billy Green, Opp; Carlos (Shengua) and James "Ricky" Musgrove, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Michael and James E. Turner, Delaware; Willie Cedrick, Dewight, Karwin, James Turner, Maryland, and George Williams, Atlanta, Ga.

DAVID LEE ROBINSON

David Lee Robinson died July 13, 2003. He was born in Coffee County June 26, 1958, to Miss Lisa Jeanette Phillips.

Funeral services were held July 19, 2003 at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. C.A. Hammonds Jr. officiating. Burial followed with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters: Tessie Baker (C.W.) Wiley, Arion; Lois Baker (Wayne) Whittaker, Enterprise; Tammy Baker (Jeff) Kelley, Panama City, Fla.; three sons: Chester Baker, Highland Home; Larry (Estim) Baker, Glenwood, Lewis (Amy) Baker, Troy; one sister: Lucy Knight, Troy; 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Alabama's first human case of West Nile virus infection diagnosed for 2003

The Alabama Department of Public Health announces the first human case of West Nile virus infection diagnosed in an Alabama resident this year. The case occurred in a Geneva County man in his 60s, who became ill the end of June, and is now recovering at home.

"This first human case of West Nile virus infection in 2003 is, unfortunately, not unexpected, given the increasingly widespread level of West Nile virus activity. Furthermore, there is statewide evidence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus activity, making it all the more important that people take precautions to reduce their chances of being bitten by mosquitoes," said Dr. Donald E. Williamson, State Health Officer.

In addition to the human case in Geneva County, West Nile virus has so far been detected in captured mosquitoes in Marshall County, in a horse in Baldwin County, and in birds in Baldwin, Clay, Covington, Dallas, DeKalb, Jefferson, Macon, Marshall, Mobile, Shelby, Talladega, Walker and Winston counties. Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus has been detected in mosquitoes in Jackson County, in an emu in Butler County, in sentinel chickens in Baldwin County, and in horses in Baldwin, Chilton, Clarke, Covington, Dale, and Mobile counties.

Both viruses in humans cause a spectrum of illness ranging from infection without any symptoms to encephalitis involving fever, headache, and possibly confusion, disorientation, stupor, tremors, convulsions, paralysis, coma and death.

In addition to human illness, these viruses also cause illness in livestock, particularly horses. "It is not too late for owners to protect their horses by vaccinating them against West Nile and Eastern Equine Encephalitis viruses," urged Ron Sparks, Commissioner of Agriculture

and Industries. "These vaccines are the best way to protect horses against these harmful infections."

Horse infections from Eastern Equine Encephalitis can cause greater than 90 percent mortality rates in unvaccinated horses. In addition, about 1 out of 3 unvaccinated horses can die from West Nile virus infection. Two separate vaccines are required to protect horses from both viruses.

To lower their chances of being bitten by mosquitoes, persons should remember the 5 D's of Prevention: Dusk, Dawn, Dress, DEET and Drain. Avoid being outside during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Dress to cover your skin with protective clothing. Protect bare skin with mosquito repellent that contains DEET, and drain empty containers holding stagnant water in which mosquitoes breed.

Avoiding mosquito bites and eliminating mosquito-breeding sites will help protect individuals and the community from West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis and the other mosquito-borne viruses that occur in Alabama. These viruses are maintained by transmission between birds and mosquitoes. However, sometimes the viruses spread to humans and other animals by mosquitoes that feed on infected birds and then bite humans and other animals.

These mosquito-borne viruses are not spread person-to-person, horse-to-person, or horse-to-horse. A person or animal is usually infected through the bite of an infected mosquito. The key to protection is avoiding mosquito bites. Very few mosquitoes are infectious. Most people who are infected do not get sick. Information about West Nile virus can be found on the ADPH website at <http://www.adph.org/westnile-virus/>.

Sesquicentennial King & Queen Nomination Form

Rules:

- Nominees must be at least 70 years old (as of Sept. 6, 2003) and have lived in Elba for no less than 40 years (not necessarily consecutive years)
- It's not required that the nominee is a native of Elba, or a current resident of Elba.
- Nominees must be someone who continues to be an ambassador for the City of Elba, has made significant contributions to Elba, and represents the conquerable spirit of Elba.
- The nominee must be able and willing to attend the Sesquicentennial Ball on Sept. 6, the Parade Celebration on Oct. 11, and the Reception on Oct. 12.

Please complete the following. Feel free to attach additional sheets if necessary.

Category applying for: KING QUEEN

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Will this applicant be 70+ years old on September 6, 2003? YES NO

Has this applicant lived in Elba over 40 years? YES NO

Community Activities - include any offices held & years participated in: _____

Religious Activities - include any offices held & years participated in: _____

Why do you believe that this person is qualified to receive this award? _____

Nominating Individual or Club: _____

Mail form to: New Seasons Study Club • P.O. Box 172 • Elba, AL 36323

(Must be received by Friday, Aug. 15, 2003)

ADOR notifies tire dealers of new scrap tire environmental fee

This week the Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR) on a monthly basis, on or before the twentieth day of the month following each month's activity, using forms provided by the ADOR. The first report will be for the month of September 2003, and must be filed on or before Oct. 20, 2003.

Act 2003-332 provides for the new one-dollar per tire Scrap Tire Environmental Fee to be collected at the point of sale from the consumer regardless of whether the tires—new, used, or retread—are mounted on a rim or wheel.

The new law requires retail dealers to report and pay the tax-

payer's operation also includes sales of new, used, or retread tires to customers, we encourage the business owner to contact the department as soon as possible so that the owner can register to collect and report the fee and comply with provisions of Act 2003-332," advised Carlisle.

"We have made every effort to notify all known retail tire dealers and inform them of the new reporting requirements," said State Revenue Commissioner Dwight Carlisle. "However, if for some reason a business owner did not receive notification by the department, but should have, since the tax-

payer's operation also includes sales of new, used, or retread tires to customers, we encourage the business owner to contact the department as soon as possible so that the owner can register to collect and report the fee and comply with provisions of Act 2003-332," advised Carlisle.

For more information regarding the new scrap tire environmental fee, contact the department's Sales, Use, & Business Tax Division at (334) 242-9608, or visit the department's Web site at www.ador.state.al.us

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This special issue will look at today and yesterday in Elba, but we need your help...If you have any pictures or memories from yesteryear, please drop by the office and share them with us. We need any and all information to create an unforgettable tribute to the City of Elba and its people.

Photographs and antique documents will be copied and returned!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Kinston Elementary 2003-04 School Supply List

Kindergarten
1 Coloring Book
Box 8 Crayons
2 Elmer's glue (white)
\$4.50 for Weekly Reader (CASH)
Extra suit of clothes for summer and winter
4-no. 2 pencils
Primary Picture - Story Pad writing tablet
1 Pack of construction paper
1 Pack of quart size ziplock bags
Small zipper bag for crayons
1-4 Pack of Play dough (no fun clay, nor fun dough, must be play dough)
2-1 Subject composition notebooks
NO ROLLING BACKPACKS
First Day of School is Monday, August 4th. Please bring school supplies. Students are expected to have these supplies each day, throughout the year. Please replenish supplies as needed.

First Grade
4 Pack of pencils (standard size)
4 Bottles of white glue
Crayons (24)
Scissors ("Fiskars" brand available at Wal-Mart)
2 Wide ruled composition notebooks
1 Pack of construction paper (assorted colors)
Small crayon box
\$5.00 for writing paper
Boys-quart bags
Girls-gallon bags
2 Packs of wide ruled paper
2-2 Pocket Folders
2-4 Pack of Expo Markers
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Second Grade
1 Pack of 12 pencils
2 Bottles of Elmer's glue
Crayons (box of 24 only)
2 Packs of wide ruled paper
1 Steno notebook for recording homework
3-1 Subject composition notebooks (not spiral) - hard card-board cover
2-2 Pocket folders
Scissors
1 Package of Modeling clay (not play dough)
4 Pack of wide-tipped dry erase markers

Third Grade
glue (white glue ex. Elmer's. No glue sticks!!)
colored pencils
1 Roll of paper towel (each semester)
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Ruler that measures both inches and centimeters
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Fourth Grade
Colored pencils
Crayons
Glue
Loose-leaf paper
Magic markers (ex. crayola)
Scissors
Ruler (inches/metric)

Winners in the Junior Division Plant and Soil Science Exhibit at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup are: 1st Place, Chase Hendrix, Coffee County; 2nd Place, Matthew Gates, Pike County. The Roundup was held June 19-20 at Troy State University in Troy.

5th/6th Grade
English/Spelling
(1) Composition Notebook at least 150 pages (non-perforated)
Science
(1) inch three-ring (STURDY) binder
Math
(1) Composition Notebook five subject (non-perforated)

7th Grade
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Homeroom
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(1) Box colored pencils
(1) Assignment Pad
(3) large packages of wide-ruled loose leaf paper
(1) Package of Construction paper
(1) Package Red Pens
Glue Stick
Scissors
Pencils
Pocket folders
Trapper Keeper with zipper case to hold pencils and assignment pads
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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest daughter began to dig in her closet over the weekend to find out what clothes she could still wear before we headed off to do some school shopping, and if the pile of clothes she put in the hall don't fit, maybe we should have a yard sale to help other kids in town get ready for school. The discarded clothes were put in bags so Mom and Dad couldn't see just what she got rid of. However, you can bet we will sort through the bags this week and my guess is that we will find some clothes that might just find their way to school in a couple of weeks. Oh well, at least the closet got cleaned out!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** I found out this week that the third annual Foggy Bottom Football Classic will be held at Miller Stadium on Thursday, August 28. Elba High began its annual trip back to the stadium three years ago when the Tigers battled Zion Chapel, while last year the Tigers hosted Samson in its preseason contest. This year's opponent hasn't been announced, but all Elba Tiger fans look forward to their annual visit back to "Foggy Bottom" and now they can mark their calendars for this year's game.

*** The schedule for the 2003 Little Tri-County Football League season is in the paper this week and all youth football fans will have to smile when they look and see that the only road games will be to Goshen, Zion Chapel and Luverne. The trip to Goshen may prove to be a little tricky, but Zion Chapel and Luverne and familiar places and all three sites are within thirty-minutes of Elba. I know it will seem strange for the youth teams not to play Opp, but I doubt many will be upset about not having to drive to Red Level, Baker, Florida or Brewton.

*** The Elba Recreation Department will host a men's summer softball league this year and six teams will compete in the league, with double-headers set for every Tuesday night at Hawkins-Williams Park. There will be two games on all three fields at Hawkins-Williams on league nights, with the teams swapping opponents for the second games. Having all three fields busy for three hours on the same night should be exciting, and with six teams at the park at the same time, the place should be packed. Sounds like a great way to get out of the house and have some good, cheap fun.

*** Co-Ed softball will come to town beginning on Thursday night, July 31, with two teams taking the field to do battle. Additional co-ed teams may be added as the season goes along, but for the opening night there will be two teams with an equal number of male and females on each team. The infield and outfield will also be half and half, and in the batting order a male must always bat after a female. Co-Ed softball has become a popular sport in many places, and the hope is that it will grow here in Elba.

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association held its annual "All-Star" week last week in all prep sports and while there were no Elba student-athletes on the various teams, the area was well represented. Jessica Robinson, of Enterprise, was on the South volleyball team, while Brantley's Devin Person was on the roster in boys basketball and Samson's Psych Bess was on the roster in girls' basketball. Elba had been well represented in past years and twice hosted the MVP in softball, but this year the Tigers were left out, which should make the players work even harder to make the teams next summer.

*** I will admit I watched the Major League All-Star game and will even admit I enjoyed watching the American League rally against the National League "closers" to win the game. However, I still am not convinced that the players played any different than in the past, even though "this time it counted." The change was evident when some of the starters hung around a little longer than usual to get in an extra at-bat, but all the players gave it their best, just like always, and it was what it will always be - an All-Star exhibition game. Maybe one day the Major Leagues will follow the minors and have a game with the American players against the players from other countries. Hey, at least the fans would have a team to root for.

*** I am already sick and tired of hearing all the news shows voice their opinions on the Kobe Bryant case. The people that know the girl that brought the sexual abuse charges swear she is telling the truth, while most of the news commentators are solid behind Bryant and have already found him innocent and label him as the real victim in the case. A trial will be held sometime in the next few months and a jury will determine just who the victim is, but until then, I wish the news networks would simply report the news and quit having their so-called experts tell us who is telling the truth and who isn't.

*** I read in a daily paper over the weekend that over twenty-percent of the pro athletes in the NBA and NFL had been either charged, arrested or convicted of serious crimes. There is no doubt the millionaire athletes live a different life than we do and face temptations of all kinds every day. However, for one in five of the athletes in the leagues to face criminal charges for alleged acts seems really high. Maybe it is past time for parents to start looking somewhere else for our kids role models.

*** In closing...school will start in just over a week and all Elba Tiger supporters need to call the school and join the Elba Athletic Club. The club exists to provide support for all sports at Elba High, and in years past has indeed made a difference in helping the school meet its athletic needs. Make the call now and get involved!

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Elba youth football teams switch leagues

The teams in the Elba Youth Football League will find themselves across the field from some new opponents when the upcoming season kicks off in September after being accepted as the newest member of the Little Tri-County Football League.

The Little Tri-County Football League, headed by Timmy Hall, of Brantley, will now boast an eight-team league that includes teams from Zion Chapel, Kinston, New Brockton, Brantley, Luverne, Goshen, Pleasant Home and Elba.

"Elba had been a member of the original Tri-County Football League since its inception over two decades ago," stated Elba Recreation Director, Ricky Mularz, "but over the past couple of years many of the local teams left the league to join the Little Tri-County League. That left Elba as the only team in the original league in Coffee County and left the players, cheerleaders and parents with some long road trips on the weekends. When the league added teams from Baker, Florida and Brewton to its schedule, many of the Elba parents voiced concern about having to make the long road trips. We contacted the officials in the Little Tri-County League about this and they were voted in as the

league's newest member for the upcoming 2003 season. Our boys and girls compete against teams from New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Kinston in the summer and have grown up knowing each other, while Brantley and Luverne have always been rivals in varsity sports, and Goshen and Pleasant Home both have solid programs. We are looking forward to competing in the new league and hope to be a member in the league for many, many years."

The original Tri-County Football League included teams from Elba, Opp, Andalusia, Red Level, Straughn, Florala, Pleasant Home, Zion Chapel, Kinston, Brantley and New Brockton, but was left with only six teams when the Little Tri-County League was formed four years ago. Baker, Florida was added to the league last season, with Brewton added for the upcoming season.

"Our change had nothing to do with any of the teams in the league," added Mularz. "If we had remained in the league we would have had to travel to Opp, Andalusia, Red Level, Straughn, Florala, Baker and Brewton. The shortest road trip would have been thirty minutes, with the longest being two hours. In the new league there are five towns less than thirty minutes from Elba (Zion

Little Tri-County Football League 2003 Schedule	
September 6	October 4
Pleasant Home at Zion Chapel	Pleasant Home at Luverne
Kinston at Brantley	Goshen at Kinston
New Brockton at Luverne	Zion Chapel at New Brockton
Elba at Goshen	Brantley at Elba
September 13	October 11
Brantley at Pleasant Home	Luverne at Kinston
Zion Chapel at Kinston	Zion Chapel at Goshen
Luverne at Goshen	New Brockton at Brantley
New Brockton at Elba	Pleasant Home at Elba
September 20	October 18
Brantley at Zion Chapel	Super Bowl, in New Brockton - Top 4 teams in each age division take part in all-day action
Kinston at Pleasant Home	
Goshen at New Brockton	
Elba at Luverne	
September 27	Game Times:
Luverne at Brantley	Midgets 5:30, Termites 6:30, Pee Wees 7:30
Kinston at New Brockton	
Goshen at Pleasant Home	
Elba at Zion Chapel	

Chapel, New Brockton, Kinston, Brantley and Luverne), and the only long trip will be to Pleasant Home. The move was made in the best interest of everyone involved and I am confident that it will create new excitement for the players and coaches."

** AREA ** SPORTS SHORTS

Youth football sign-up underway

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation began registration for youth football on Monday, July 14 and continue the registration until Friday, August 8. Three teams will compete this fall, with team ages being 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12, with a players' age determined by their age on August 1, 2003. Registration is \$20 per player, and equipment can be rented from the department for \$25. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Center, 897-6833. For more information call the Recreation office at 897-6833.

Elba Picture Day set for August 1

Picture Day for the Elba High School and Elba Junior High School football teams will be on Friday, August 1, at Tiger Stadium. All players interested in playing football this fall on the varsity or junior high teams should contact the coaches as soon as possible at 897-2266 or 897-2267.

ZC youth sports meeting set

The Zion Chapel Youth Sports Organization will hold a meeting on Thursday, July 24, at 7:00 PM at the Zion Chapel High School gym. Everyone interested in the youth sports program in Zion Chapel should attend this important meeting.

Adult flag football league to form

The Enterprise Parks and Recreation Department will hold team registration for Men's Flag Football and teams interested in participating may pick up information at the E.A. Moore Hope Gym. An organization meeting will be held on Monday, August 25, at 7:30 PM, and all teams must have a representative at the meeting. For more information contact the department at 348-2681 or 348-2684.

Softball tourney set for August 16

The Enterprise Parks and Recreation Department will host a "Men's Open" Softball Tournament on August 16, at Donaldson Park. Trophies will be presented to the top three teams and t-shirts will be given to the members of the winning team. The entry fee is \$130 per team, and the 10 teams to enter will be accepted. The deadline to enter is August 13. The tournament will feature pool play, with all teams guaranteed four games. The teams in each game will determine the number of home runs allowed, with the minimum being five and the maximum being nine. To enter call the Recreation Department at 348-2681 or Jason Smith at 347-7882.

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Tuesday, July 29

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6:30 (F2) BBI vs. Dorsey

6:30 (F3) State Farm vs. Utility

7:45 (F1) Team A vs. State Farm

7:45 (F2) BBI vs. Utility

7:45 (F3) TNT vs. Dorsey

Games have one-hour and fifteen minute time limit

COMMUNITY NEWS



Winners in the Junior Division Wood Science Exhibit at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup are: 1st Place, Kyle Tucker, Crenshaw County; 2nd Place, Joseph Helms, Geneva County; 3rd Place, Will Betsdale, Coffee County. The Roundup was held June 19-20 at Troy State University.



Winners in the Junior Division Wood Science Demonstration at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup are: 1st Place, Daniel Kelley, Coffee County; 2nd Place, Stephen Pearlstein, Pike County. The Roundup was held June 19-20 at Troy State University in Troy.



WINNERS IN THE SENIOR DIVISION PUBLIC SPEAKING-PERSUASIVE at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup are (left to right): 1st Place, Brittany Thompson, Coffee County; 2nd Place, Kayla Wallace, Crenshaw County; 3rd Place, Anna Erly, Covington County. The Roundup was held June 19-20 at Troy State University in Troy.



WINNERS IN THE SENIOR DIVISION WOOD SCIENCE EXHIBIT at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup are (left to right): 1st Place, Jeremy Jones, Geneva County; 2nd Place, Erica Lewis, Coffee County; 3rd Place, Jessica Jeffcoat, Pike County. The Roundup was held June 19-20 at Troy State University in Troy.

New laser speed detection devices soon will enhance speed limit enforcement on I-20

New laser speed detection devices soon will enhance speed limit enforcement on Interstate 20 and in other construction zones throughout Alabama.

State troopers dressed in work clothes and wearing hard hats and safety vests will operate the new devices, working with uniformed troopers to apprehend and cite speeding motorists.

"Construction zone safety is critical to DOT's comprehensive safety programs and efforts," said Joe McInnes, Transportation director of Alabama. "We welcome this opportunity to strengthen our partnership with Col. Coppage and DPS as well as strive to make every traveler aware of hazardous conditions and the need to obey the law. Operation Hard Hat has DOT's total support."

The stationary speed detection devices can be hand-held or mounted on tripods to resemble survey equipment. Once the trooper operating the device records a speed violation, he will radio the vehicle's description to a trooper in a patrol vehicle who will make the traffic stop.

A \$30,000 grant from Transportation will fund the purchase of approximately nine of the new devices. ALDOT routinely funds extra-duty patrols in construction zones throughout the state.

Second Alabama Veterans in Business Conference to be held August 4

The Second Alabama Veterans in Business Conference will be held on Monday, August 4, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at Pelham Civic Center in Pelham, Ala. The conference is designed to help veterans who are presently in business and those thinking about starting a business. The speakers are excellent and the topics are timely. Registration is Thursday, July 24, 2003, there is no fee for Veterans, Non-Veterans will be charged \$25.00. To register email Pat Phillips at pphillips@una.edu or FAX (256) 765-4813 or for more information call (256) 765-4668.

Register now for Truck Driving Training at LBW-MacArthur Campus

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Lurleen B. Wallace Community College-MacArthur Campus is now accepting applications for the Truck Driver Training Class, scheduled to begin on Monday, August 18, 2003.

The program is designed to help residents obtain skills for a new career. The training includes classroom time and instruction on basic operation as well as actual driving experience.

Residents urged to be prepared for hurricane season

With the National Hurricane Center in Miami predicting 2003 will be an above average year for hurricanes, Winn-Dixie joins the Alabama Emergency Management Agency in providing families with valuable information to prepare them for storms.

The Center is anticipating 11 to 15 tropical storms, with six to nine of those expected to become hurricanes and two to four of those being major hurricanes. Peak season occurs from August through October. "We're bracing ourselves for

Practicing Summer food safety is very important

Summer time is a very popular time for outside family functions such as picnics or cookouts. But it is also a very popular time for foodborne illnesses. Bacteria are located everywhere in the environment in places like water, air and soil. All bacteria needs is a place to live, eat and the right temperature to grow. Bacteria grow quickly in warm surroundings, especially in foods between 90 degrees and 140 degrees Fahrenheit. So for this summer season the Alabama Department of Public Health offers these tips when it comes to food safety and planning outside events.

- * Always wash hands before and during the preparation of foods.
- * Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly before they are eaten or cooked.
- * Use a separate cutting board and knife for meats and fruits/vegetables.
- * If a sauce is going to be used to marinate and baste, make a double recipe and use half of the recipe for basting and half for marinating. If some of the used marinade is to be set aside for dipping, then be sure to boil the marinade before serving.
- * When cooking meats make sure it gets to the correct temperature. Below is the USDA cooking temperature recommendations for consumers.
 - * Ground Beef and Meat Mixtures
 - * Beef, Pork, Veal, Lamb 160 degrees Fahrenheit
 - * Turkey, Chicken 165 degrees Fahrenheit
 - * Poultry (whole) 180 degrees Fahrenheit
 - * Poultry breasts, roast 170 degrees Fahrenheit
 - * Poultry thighs, wings 180 degrees Fahrenheit
 - * Duck and Goose 180 degrees Fahrenheit
 - * Stuffing/cooked alone or in

Enterprise-Ozark Community College offering 13 internet courses

Summer Semester at Enterprise-Ozark Community College will feature 13 courses offered on the internet. These courses offer students more leverage in terms of when they study as they do not participate in a classroom setting. They study in the privacy and comfort of their own homes or wherever they have internet access. Courses offered this summer semester are: Principles of Economics I and II, Microcomputer Applications and Advanced Microcomputer Applications, English Composition II, Fundamentals of Oral Communication, Art Appreciation, Western Civilization I, United States History I and II, General Psychology, Human Growth and Development, Precalculus Algebra, and Physical Science II with Lab.

When taking these courses, students are responsible for

Gov. Riley to honor Korean War veterans Monday, July 28

Governor Riley will be laying a wreath to commemorate the end of the Korean War in a ceremony at the State Capitol, Avenue of Flags on Monday, July 28, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. He invites all Korean War veterans to attend in order for Alabama to

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outdoors in warm weather the time should be reduced to one hour.

- * Leftovers should be stored in coolers of ice until they can be refrigerated. It is important to put leftovers in shallow containers so they will chill faster. Always remember a cooler filled with ice will stay colder longer than a cooler with only a little ice.
- * Following these simple recommendations could prevent foods from becoming contaminated and prevent illness. The food temperature "danger zone" is 40-140 degrees. This simply means that cold foods should remain below 40 degrees and hot foods should remain above 140 degrees. Be sure to throw out any foods that could possibly be contaminated or have reached an unsafe temperature. One simple rule to follow is "when in doubt, throw it out!"
- * Prepared food should not sit for more than two hours. When

appropriate contact with the instructor and all assignments made accordingly. To access online courses, go to www.eocc.edu and click on the online course link. To contact an instructor, call 334-347-2623 or visit the website in the Personnel area for e-mail addresses. Textbooks may be purchased in the EOCC Bookstore.

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Life of Sergeant Jason D. Jordan honored during funeral service

by Linda Hodge, Editor

More than 500 family members and friends gathered in the Victoria community of Coffee County Sunday afternoon, July 27, to honor the life and career of Sergeant Jason David Jordan as his funeral services were held from Victoria Baptist Church with graveside services in the church cemetery.

Sgt. Jordan was killed one week prior on Sunday, July 20, in Tallilur, Iraq when the vehicle he was traveling in was ambushed and struck by rocket propelled grenades while patrolling a village. Also killed was his friend and fellow soldier, Sgt. Justin W. Garvey of Townsend, Mass.

Jordan's untimely death came

just three days following his 24th birthday.

He is survived by his parents, Danny and Sandra Jordan, his brother and sister-in-law, Chris and Marsha Jordan, his paternal grandparents, H.L. and Virginia Jordan; his maternal grandparents, Sam and Irene Davis; nephews, Blake and Caleb; and niece, Montana and great grandmother, Helon A. Ward.

It is with great sadness and heartache that we laid to rest today our beloved son, brother, uncle and grandson, Jason David Jordan, read a statement from the family during Sunday's funeral service.

"We are very proud of what Jason was able to accomplish during his life here on earth."

A 1997 graduate of Elba High School, Jordan was an honor student and member of the Beta and Math clubs. He was recognized for his accomplishments in mathematics and science and is listed in America's High School Students.

While delivering Sunday's eulogy, Rev. Mack King said Jordan was often described by his high school teachers as being respectful, caring, witty

and always having a smile on his face.

After high school, Jordan attended Enterprise State Junior College for one year where he began studies for a degree in chemical engineering. In June 1998, he chose to enlist in the United States Army and reported in August 1998 to the U.S. Army Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Ga. for training.

Jordan graduated from his training in December 1998 and was assigned to duty in the Republic of Korea. He reported to the 2nd Infantry Division on Jan. 19, 1999 and served with a mortar squad in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry.

He completed a one year tour and was re-assigned Jan. 2000 to the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Riley, Kansas. Here, Jordan served with the Mortar Platoon of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team. During this tour, his unit was deployed from Aug. to Dec. 2001 to Kuwait for training.

On Sept. 1, 2001 Jordan was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assumed the duties and responsibilities of Squad Leader with his unit.

In July 2002, Sgt. Jordan received his assignment to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky. where he served as a Squad Leader with Headquarters and



During the graveside service with full military honors for Sgt. Jason D. Jordan, this Army Bugler from the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band of Fort Rucker delivered the sedate sound of "Taps."

Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade.

On March 1, 2003, Jordan was deployed with his unit to Kuwait in preparation of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He

participated in the ground combat operations which liberated the people of Iraq and ended the regime of Saddam Hussein.

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Elba City Council approves airport rules

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council on Monday evening approved new airport rules and regulations dealing with charges for aerial spray applicators who use the airport. A recommendation for appointment was tabled until the next meeting.

At the next meeting the council will also consider imposing a tobacco tax. This issue has been discussed for several months between council members. If they intend to pass such a tax it must be done before the proposed state package of taxes is approved. One of the bills in that package (if passed) prohibit cities and counties from increasing tobacco taxes.

The council discussed a proposed franchise agreement with Coffee County Water Authority for them to supply water inside

the Elba city limits on a short span of Larkin Road. This resolution will be up for vote at the next council meeting.

James Coleman asked the status of solving the drainage problem he brought to the council several meetings ago. Coleman was told a work order has been issued on this work and would be completed as soon as work crews could get to the job.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham explained to council members and the news media that due to the volume of dirt hauling for

the levee work and other projects, "the Elba streets are taking a beating." He explained that engineers have found that the best temporary repair is to fill the holes with crushed rock. After the heavy volume of work is completed the streets will then be repaved, hopefully with funds from the levee rehab project.

Grantham urged motorists to drive carefully and to please slow down in these areas as flying rocks from fast moving cars can destroy windshields.

Commission makes board appointments

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission wasted no time in zipping through its agenda Monday morning, July 28, during the regular bimonthly meeting for July.

Commission members confirmed three appointments to the county's Emergency Communications Board with the

unanimous approval for Russell Young to represent the Kinston area, Robert Hooks to represent the Enterprise area and Gloria T. Webb to represent the county-at-large.

Young's term will expire in July 2004 while the terms of Hooks and Webb will expire in July 2007.

The commission also voted Monday on its three nominees to submit for consideration to the board of equalization. These included: Tom Dyess, Roland Powell and Walter Childs.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley reminded his peers that he agreed at the last meeting to coordinate the resurgence of the county's strategic planning committee; however, he asked this be approved through the form of a motion before continuing.

Upon unanimous approval, Grimsley said the commission will need to appoint a new committee since the terms of those who previously served have expired. He asked commissioners to be ready to make these appointments at the next regular meeting.

Grimsley also asked chairman Robert Stephens to invite Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns to the next commission meeting so he can explain to the citizens how the governor's proposed tax package will affect property taxes if

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Additional personnel changes approved

Coffee County Schools preparing for 2003-04 school year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education fine-tuned its personnel list for the upcoming school year when board members met for a special meeting Friday, July 25, at Noon.

With the first day of school fast approaching, board members approved some additional personnel changes with certified and support personnel including several employments, a couple of transfers and resignations.

The personnel matters were unanimously approved by the board upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram and included:

Certified

- * Transfer Carla Bailey from her position as third grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School to second grade teacher at the same school.
- * Transfer Brenda Roberts from her position as fifth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School to ARI Reading Coach at Zion Chapel School.
- * Employ Jackie Metcalf as a fifth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.
- * Employ Suzanne Rhoades as a third grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.
- * Employ Sheila Johnson as a third grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.
- * Employ DeAnn Wallace as a fourth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.
- * Employ Dana Padgett as a sixth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.
- * Accept the resignation of Scott Griswold, social studies teacher at New Brockton High School.
- * Employ Bren Finch as a

social studies teacher at New Brockton High School.

- * Employ Barbara Williams as a special education teacher at Kinston School.
- * Employ Bobby Hartwell as assistant principal at Zion Chapel School.
- * Employ Amber Canley as a fourth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School.
- * Employ Ginger Vinson as a fifth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School.
- * Employ Lori Caldwell as a special education teacher at Zion Chapel School.
- * Grant permission to accept the resignation of Wanda Corley, special education teacher at Zion Chapel School, so that she can accept employment with another school system.
- * Grant permission to fill the special education vacancy created by the above resignation. The vacancy will be filled by employing the next highest scoring applicant available.

Support

- * Employ Kristi Wilkerson as nurse at Zion Chapel School.
- * Employ Ninett Wood as a CNP worker at Kinston School.

The only other matters requiring a vote from the board during the special meeting included nominations to the Board of Equalization and a recommendation concerning the unitary decree.

The board unanimously approved submitting three names for consideration to the Board of Equalization. The names for submission include: Lynn Baskley, Dennis Smith and Doice Jones.

In regards to the unitary decree, Ingram said attorney Jim Weatherford recommended acquiring the assistance of the law firm Marsh, Cotter and

Tindol. Board members agreed to seek assistance from the law firm by a unanimous vote.

Before adjourning, Ingram reminded board members of the institute for teachers that will be held Friday, Aug. 1, at each school. She said board members are encouraged to visit the schools on this day as the faculty will be preparing for the beginning of the 2003-04 school year on Monday, Aug. 4.

Abo, Ingram said there will be a Prayer Walk at the schools on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9-10 a.m. She said this event will be sponsored by the Coffee County Baptist Association.

First Day of School for Students: Monday, Aug. 4

Area Happenings

OPEN HOUSE AT KINSTON SCHOOL for grades 1-6 will be Thursday, July 31(TODAY). Teachers will be in their rooms from 9-10 a.m. Students will be able to find out their homeroom, get a supply list or bring their supplies.

OPEN HOUSE AT NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will be held tonight (Thursday, July 31), 5-6 p.m. All parents are urged to attend and meet the teachers and principal.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL 7TH GRADE ORIENTATION will be Thursday, July 31, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, meet teachers and establish meal accounts. They will also have a brief tour of the school.

ZION CHAPEL YOUTH SPORTS football and cheerleader registration will be Monday, Aug. 4, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Zion Chapel Elementary School.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL announced the deadline to place an ad in the 2003 football program will be Tuesday, Aug. 5. Those interested should contact Susan Barnes at Elba High School (897-2286).

NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB will sponsor Elba's 25th anniversary ball on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Elba Recreation Center. During the ball, a "Man of the Year" and "Woman of the Year" will be honored. The club is currently seeking nominations, based on a strict criteria guideline, for these honors. Also, tickets to the evening ceremony on sale and can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce or Donnie's Hair and Nail Salon.

ALERT

According to Coffee County Solid Waste Officer Marvin McIlwain, the garbage pickup schedule has changed for many county residents.

Mark Dunning Industries (MDI), the county's solid waste collection company, recently implemented these changes with notification coming through letters being placed on garbage containers and mailboxes. In many cases, residents some how did not receive their notification; therefore, McIlwain said there has been a lot of confusion surrounding the new pickup schedule.

He said anyone with questions concerning their new pickup day should call MDI at one of the following numbers: (254) 735-5123 or toll free 1-800-735-5111.